IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lang et al. Att'y Docket: 2960/113
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Invention: Minimally Invasive Joint Implant with 3-Dimensional Geometry Matching the Articular Surfaces

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 22, 2009. Applicants respond as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.